

Dear Dr. Kossikov:

Thank you for your letter of July 18.

I am very sorry that I will not be able to proceed with ~~plans~~ plans for the conference on the origin of life. Professor Deborin has kindly written me and informed me that the conference will take place in August 1957. I had thought that it might be held in August 1958, which would have coincided with my trip to Stockholm for the International Congress of Microbiology and might be very convenient. I am leaving August 1 to spend three months at Melbourne, Australia, with Professor Burnet (Institute of Pathology, University of Melbourne) and this makes it impossible for me to consider going to Moscow at this time.

I am very pleased to hear that you and Dr. Ierusalimski are planning to hold another conference, and ~~I/a~~ as I have written to you before I would be deeply interested in the possibility of attending. I know that you and I have different approaches to many scientific questions, but the only way to resolve them is to discuss them as fully as possible.

May I make a suggestion? The International Congress of Microbiology will be held at Stockholm from August <sup>4</sup> ~~7~~ to August 9, 1958, and many biologists will already have made plans to attend this. If you were to arrange any meeting of your own for just before or just after that occasion, it would save considerable expense for travel for many participants. The International Genetics Congress will be at Montreal, Canada, August 20 to 27. In many ways, the time in between, say August 12-18 would be <sup>most</sup> ~~extremely~~ convenient at least for people like myself, and would require the least expense.

Kossikov, K.V.

P.S. I must apologize for having forgotten to mail the book I promised.  
P.S. I must apologize for my poor knowledge of languages, but I must

I did mail it yesterday. It takes several hours for me to translate a single letter  
written in the Russian language. I know that you are not fluent in English.

Would it be convenient if we exchanged correspondence in either French  
or German? I can write and read these languages, not so well as English,  
but far more readily than Russian.

Thank you for your letter of June 11th.

Avec bien des hommages a vous,

I am very sorry that I will not be able to proceed with plans  
for the conference on the origin of life. I have been thinking  
and thinking about it and have been unable to find a suitable  
place in August 1957. I had thought that it might be held in August  
1958, which would have coincided with my trip to Stockholm for the  
International Congress of Microbiology and might be very convenient.  
I am leaving August 1st and three months of preparation, especially  
with Professor Turin (Institute of Pathology, University of Helsinki)  
because this makes it impossible for me to consider going to  
Moscow at this time.

I am very pleased to hear that you and Dr. Levinthal are plan-  
ning to hold another conference, and I hope I have written to you  
before I would be deeply interested in the possibility of attending.  
I know that you and I have different approaches to many scientific  
questions, but the only way to resolve them is to discuss them as  
fully as possible.

May I make a suggestion? The International Congress of Microbiology  
which will be held at Stockholm from August 3 to August 9, 1958,  
and many biologists will already have made plans to attend. This  
is the only meeting of your kind that will be held before the  
first after that meeting, it would save considerable expense for  
travel for many participants. The International Genetic Congress  
will be in Moscow, August 20 to 27. In many ways, the  
time in between, and August 13-15 would be extremely convenient  
at least for people like myself, and would be the best excuse.